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And further that the Estate of the said JOHN STEWART LAPRAIK is solely liable for all Debts and Liabilities and is solely entitled to all Assets of the said Firm up to the said 13th day of July, 1893.

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Mr. S. S. BENJAMIN

Mr. J. F. KRAAL

2.—Song for Basso—
Lasciu ch'io planga, by Mr. S. S. BENJAMIN
by Handel.3.—Ballata for Soprano—
Graziano—Guarini, by Miss E. CARVALHO4.—Requiativo, air—
Air for Baritone—
She alone charmed
my soul—Irreza,
by Gounod.5.—Waiting Song—
for Soprano, by Miss LAMMERT6.—Salve dimora, for
Tenor, Faust, by Sig. FRANCESCO7.—Due, Una notte, a
Venezia for Soprano—
rano and Tenor, by Mr. ALFORD

Lamonton.

PART II.

1.—Torso dor; Song from Carmen, by Mr. C. H. GRACE

and CHORUS

BIZET.

2.—Song for Contralto, Heaven, and Mrs. PRESTON

Earth, by Pinault.

3.—Song for Tenor—
I heard a Voice, by Pinault.4.—Song for Soprano—
Should he upbraid, by Bishop...5.—Song for Basso—
from 1. Regatta, by Mr. J. F. KRAAL6.—Song for Soprano—
Pierrot, by Hulchen.

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General Agent.

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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Loading
Bremen & Ports of Call	Bayern (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Nov. 12, at 3 p.m.
Japan	Verona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 9, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal	Palamed (s)	Battaford & Swire	November 7.
London & Ports of Call	Palamed (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Nov. 20.
London, v. Marseilles	Palamed (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 8, at noon.
London, v. Manila	Palamed (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Nov. 24.
Bombay (s)	Palamed (s)	Battaford & Swire	Nov. 17, at 3 p.m.
Singapore (s)	Palamed (s)	Massingers Maritime	Nov. 14, at noon.
Port Darwin, &c.	Palamed (s)	Battaford & Swire	Nov. 21, at 12 m.
Guyana & Rio de Janeiro (s)	Palamed (s)	Pacific Mail, S. S. Co.	Nov. 7, daylight.
Port Moresby, &c.	Palamed (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 21, at 4 p.m.
Nanking (s)	Palamed (s)	Siemens & Co.	Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.
Bonny (s)	Palamed (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 8, at 10 a.m.
Rivenna (s)	Palamed (s)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	About Nov. 18.
Shanghai, v. Amoy & Kiao	Palamed (s)	Simeonson & Co.	Nov. 10, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai, v. Amoy & Kiao	Palamed (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Nov. 7, daylight.
Spore, Havre & H'pore	Palamed (s)	Aust. Lloyd's S. N. Co.	Nov. 23, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & T'ho	Palamed (s)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Dec. 11, at noon.
Trieste, &c.	Palamed (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.
Victoria (H.C.)	Palamed (s)	Siemens & Co.	Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.
Tacoma (s)	Palamed (s)	Siemens & Co.	Nov. 7, at 4 p.m.

DEPARTURES.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For NAGASAKI, KOBÉ & YOKOHAMA

Per Hainan, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per Benimond, to Singapore 7 European.

Per Kiel, for Shanghai, 12 Chinese.

Per Hanol, for Haiphong, 5 Europeans.

Per Taichong, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Tschong, for Singapore, Mr.

and Mrs. Wong Boon, Mrs. Fan Si Ho, Mrs.

Lam, Mrs. C. L. Lam, Miss M. A. Avery,

and Mr. Fouadar Mahomed Abdullah.

TO DAY.

Per Victoria, for Shanghai, 3 Europeans,

and 28 Chinese.

Per Sesquicent., for New York, 2 Europeans.

Per Frey, for Hoihow, 100 Chinese.

Per Thales, for Swatow, 100 Chinese.

Per Tschong, for Singapore, 100 Chinese.

Per Ching Cheu, for Amoy, 70 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Mackay* reports

Left Bangkok October 26, and Kuh si-sheng

20th, had fine weather with light N.E. to

S.W. winds to Pulo Pakning, then to

Pulo Condore, had fine weather, then to

fresh Nort'ly winds, then to Paracel,

had extra N.E. monsoon, with high

wind, sea. Ship laboring heavily, shipping

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SHIPPING

November 5:—

Frey, Danish steamer, 397, C. L. Strand,

Pakhoi November 2, and Hoihow 4,

General—ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

November 6:—

Gluckburg, German steamer, 925, P.

Thomson, Shanghai November 3, General.

Mackay, British steamer, 95, Geo.

Autumn, Bangkok October 29, and Kohi-

chang 29, Timber and Rice.

CHINESE prisoners who die in Japan are buried with full military honours.

Mr Detring, of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, has gone to Peking with Admiral von Hansebeck.

Several war correspondents, including Mr Villiers, of the Standard, have returned to Chemulpo from the Japanese army in North Korea.

The steamer *Islam* has arrived safely at Yokohama. It will be remembered that this steamer was detained on the Clyde when hostilities broke out between China and Japan.

The astute Hongkong correspondent of the *North China Daily News* mentions the rumour that Mr J. J. Francis, Q.C., Chairman of the Permanent Committee of the Sanitary Board, is to be knighted for his services during the plague! What next?

As will be seen from our advertising columns, Messrs. Goo, Whymark and Sons, 81 Division Street, Kobe, are offering supplies of Koba beef for sale. Those who wish to procure supplies for Christmas should send in their orders as early as possible.

On the last voyage of the *Chingtu* from Hongkong to Australia a passenger named George Allen died when the ship was at day out from Hongkong. Allen was at one time a guard at the Faau Bay Gaol, and was afterwards connected with a sugar-making specie at Shoal Bay. The cause of death was chronic dysentery.

HARMON'S Circus opens at West Point to-night, where every arrangement has been made by the management for the comfort of visitors. There will be a series of matinee performances, the first being given to-morrow (Wednesday). Doors will open at 2 o'clock and performances will begin at 3 o'clock sharp. This will give residents at the Peak and Kowloon an opportunity of taking their children to enjoy the Circus performances. A good bill has been arranged for to-night.

By the explosion of a boiler on board the steamer *Tanadice* (well known in Hongkong) at Mauritius on 6th September, four firemen were killed and all the engineers, besides a number of deck passengers, scalded or injured. Little hope was entertained from the first for the life of Mr Lemiere, the fourth engineer, who was unable to escape from the engine-room along with the other engineers. He died next morning. Mr McGregor, third engineer, made several gallant but unsuccessful efforts to rescue his comrade.

A THIRTY correspondent of the *N.-O. Daily News* writing on the 20th ult., says: "Two very distressing cases of scalded cholera occurred last week; (Miss) G. Graham, of Canadian Presbyterian Mission, who was temporarily in Tientsin, was carried off in a few hours, and a native girl who was called in to assist in moving the patient, fell a victim to the disease and died in seven hours. There have been several cases of the so-called English cholera this autumn in Tientsin."

There will be general satisfaction, says the *Daily News*, at the news that Mr George Jamison is to act as Chief Judge and Consul-General during Mr Hansebeck's absence on leave, and that Mr H. P. Wilkinson has been appointed acting Crown Advocate.

Writing from a Shantung city on the 9th inst., a correspondent of the *N.-C. Daily News* says: "On the 8th of October the newly appointed Governor of Shantung passed through this city, together with several thousand troops, en route for Chantung and other points east. Shantung is exposed to the elements and all the winds. No one was injured. It is believed that the bomb was intended for the adjoining house, the residence of Sir Henry Hawkins, who has lately sentenced several anarchists to terms of imprisonment.

OBITUARY.

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A TELEGRAM from Chinkoo states that a Russian squadron had arrived there on the 28th ult.

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CARBINE MATCH.

FIELD BATTALION M.E. V.G. & SERGEANTS' MESS, E.A.

This match took place last Saturday and resulted in another victory for the Volunteers. The conditions were: 7 rounds at 200, 400, and 600 yards, Bisley Marking-Ten men to fire a side and the eight highest scores to count. The Volunteers leading at each range, finished up with 83 points advantage over their antagonists. A return match will be fired off on the Military range on Saturday, Dec. 1st. A Cup presented by Capt. McCallum for the highest score on either side fell to Sergeant Hayward, H.K.V.C., and a spoon to Sergeant Kercher, R.A. The following are the scores:—

R. K. P. C.
200 400 600 T.I.
yds. yds. yds. 89
Sgt. Hayward..... 28 31 28 89
Gr. Steamer..... 28 33 20 82
Corpl. F. Lamont..... 30 22 28 80
Gr. S. Scandens..... 23 29 22 76
Gr. E. Lamont..... 20 27 27 74
Gr. B. Bemsey..... 24 30 17 71
Sgt. Lowrie..... 24 28 18 70
Sgt. Brown..... 22 25 19 66

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TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, November 4, 1894.

THE LATE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

The body of the late Czar of Russia will probably be buried at St Petersburg on the 15th instant, pending which it will lie in state at Odessa, Kiev, and Moscow. The Grand Duke George has been proclaimed Czar until a son is born of the contemplated union of the Czar and Princess Alix.

The Princess Alix has been anointed and received into the Greek Church.

Universal satisfaction is expressed at the eminent pacific tone of the Czar's Manifesto.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

M. Le Myre de Villiers has left the Hova Capital without receiving any reply to the demands of France. War is imminent.

THE WAR.

Field-Marshal Count Yamagata has captured the city of Feng Hwang-cheng, together with fifty-five guns, a thousand riders and a large amount of ammunition. The Chinese troops fled in all directions.

Field-Marshal Count Oyama has captured the city of Kin Chu with trifling resistance. Te-lien-Wa has also been captured after a long bombardment, and with heavy losses.

Kinchau and Te-lien-wan (Liانتونغ Promontory) are the places which we reported as having been threatened by the Japanese nearly a week ago. Reuter's war messages are now only of a confirmatory nature.—E.D. C.M.]

LONDON, November 5, 1894.

General Sung's troops defeated at Feng-hwang-cheng now occupy the mountain-pass on the road to Pekin. The Japanese are endeavouring to turn the position.

ANARCHIST OUTRAGE.

A bomb exploded in front of Sir Reginald Brett's house in Mayfair, smashing in the front door and all the windows. No one was injured. It is believed that the bomb was intended for the adjoining house, the residence of Sir Henry Hawkins, who has lately sentenced several anarchists to terms of imprisonment.

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'THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.'

(SPECIAL TO THE 'CHINA MAIL')

THE JAPANESE AT PORT ARTHUR.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 8, 9.45 a.m.
Kinchau, near Port Arthur, and Talienshan, have both been captured by the Japanese.

LI-HUNG-CHANG TO THE FRONT.

Private advices from the North by wire state that H.E. Li-Hung-Chang has at last gone to the front, to take command of the Chinese army assembled to bar the probable advance of the Japanese upon Peking. The well-known Viceroy of Nanking, H.E. Liu-K'un-Yi, has been appointed to act in the place of the grand old warrior, for the time being. Li-tai, we note, is mentioned as the new head-quarters of the Commander-in-Chief.

A VISIT TO JAPANESE HOSPITALS.

AMONGST THE CHINESE PRISONERS.

(From Our Special War Correspondent.)

October 30.

At Hiroshima, the Japanese headquarters for the time being, I inspected the principal military hospital and the Red Cross Society's establishment, which are quite a remarkable revelation after all that has been said (possibly without any truth) about Japanese inhumanity and indifference to suffering.

I questioned the wounded prisoners carefully, and their story is, to say the least, in violent contrast to their compatriots' allegations of Japanese barbarity in the Kowloon and other affairs.

Any outsider, hearing the versions that emanate from Peking, and having in mind the well-known savage customs of old Japan, such as torture, dismemberment, etc., would naturally set the people down as cold-blooded and cruel in the extreme. This is probably one of the reasons why at the outset of the Korean war there was in Europe a distinct feeling against Japan. Here are a few facts from which the public may judge.

As long ago as 1877, when the Satsuma clan under Saigo Takamori raised the standard of rebellion at Kagoshima, a Benevolent Society was founded by Mr Sano and Mr Ogiu, with the experienced co-operation of Baron von Siebold (Secretary of the Japanese Legation in Berlin), to aid and care for the sick and wounded, enemies as well as friends, on the lines of the European Red Cross Societies. Subscriptions at once began to pour in, the Emperor and Empress helping greatly; and throughout the Satsuma war, which lasted eight months and was only ended after terrible carnage, the young organisation distinguished itself admirably.

During the Japanese rebellion at Kagoshima, the Japanese had been treated by the

British, French, and American troops as well as by the Chinese, as well as by the Japanese themselves, as if they were the scum of the earth. The Chinese, however, had been treated with the greatest courtesy and respect, and had been well cared for by the British, French, and American troops.

The building in which this conversation took place is a temporary Red Cross ward in the spacious grounds of the permanent military hospital at Hiroshima. The enclosure is nearly 200 yards square, and contains a central building for offices and about twenty other buildings. Of these, five are permanent wards, built 7 years ago, and five temporary, run up in a few days on account of the war. The rest comprise the usual appearances of a well-appointed modern hospital. There is plenty of room for more new wards if required, and the Japanese are celebrated for quick building. Each ward (as a rule) contains four rooms, and each room six beds; there is a spar room used as store, waiting room, etc., to each ward. For order and cleanliness, these places would reflect credit on any country in the world. The operating and dissecting departments are especially admirable.

Besides his hospital there are three others in Hiroshima, and the accommodation is being daily extended as the war progresses; the Army Medical Staff is sufficiently well

manured to cope with all possible emergencies. The total number of cases of all kinds at the end of October was 1637, including 369 wounded cases, which is very small considering the dimensions of the campaign. The hospital is well equipped for the

various departments of a well-arranged hospital, and the arrangements are of the very best. Nothing is omitted to fulfil the purpose to perfection. The wards are proportioned for external and internal ailments, surgical and medical, Red Cross, and ordinary cases.

Eleven of these wards are assigned to the Red Cross staff. Each ward is arranged for 40 patients, and all are connected by covered passages. This hospital is complete in itself, with offices, stores, surgery, etc., though of course it has also its proper place at the central hospital for administrative purposes. The attendants have quarters outside, at a very short distance.

At present the female nurses (all Red Cross) in Hiroshima number 88; more are coming shortly from Tokio. Like the men, they have uniforms, of European pattern, and all wear the badge of membership; many have other badges representing special qualifications or services.

In Chinkoo there are two hospitals managed by the Red Cross Society in conjunction with the Japanese Army Medical Staff. One is at Yen-chau, near Chemulpo, and the other at Pingyao, where I got to work immediately after the great battle of Talienshan.

This hospital is complete in itself covering about two acres and the grounds about ten. The main building contains offices, nine wings for ordinary patients, and ten other wings for class-rooms, scientific purposes, contagious cases, etc. All are connected by covered, closed passages of size sufficient for use as wards if required.

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